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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Qutbuddin Ghulamali
PATRICE ONNO ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2631
Appln. No.: 09/542,920)
: Filed: April 4, 2000)
: For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR)
TRANSFORMING A DIGITAL)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection, together with the \$110.00 extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, was filed on December 12, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for an additional two-month extension of time to take further action. A check in the amount of \$840.00 in payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account 06-1205.

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Date of Signature

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being submitted concurrently herewith. First, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the Amendment After Final Action And Petition For Extension Of Time filed on December 12, 2003. Second, and prior to continued examination, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner further to amend the above-identified application as follows, and to consider the Remarks made herein.

The amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning at page 3, and the Remarks begin at page 12.